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18. SUMMARY: (C) This report contains information concerning the past activities and areas of knowledgeability of captive, DANG NGOC TOA (DEANGV, NGOCV TOAL), CMIC 2891-70; LTC; Staff Officer, Combat Staff of QUANG DA Special Zone. Source arrived at the CMIC on 14 Feb 70. Although source is not presently available to the CMIC, request collection requirements levied on CMIC be submitted NLT 2 Apr 70 in anticipation of his eventual return to the CMIC for further exploitation. (Leave Blank)

1. (C) Biographical Data:

- a. Name: DANG NGOC TOA (DEANGV, NGOCV TOAL), CMIC 2891-70
- b. Alias: LAM (LAAM)
- c. Rank: LTC (Interrogator's Note: The ARVN Element, CMIC, considers source to be a MAJ and not a LTC,)
- d. VC/NVA Position and Unit of Assignment: Staff Officer; Combat Staff of QUANG DA Special Zone

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- e. DPOB: 1928; HUONG LAM Ham, HOA LUONG Vil, HIEU DUC Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN
- f. HOR: Same as POB
- g. Parents: Father, DANG VAN PHO (DEANGV, VEAN PHOL), living; Mother: NGUYEN THI TAN (NGUYEENX, THIV TAAN), living
- h. Formal Education: Six years, between 1934 and 1944; 1½ years of study at University of HANOI Medical School; three years of study at the Economics University in HANOI
- i. Total Military Service: Aug 45 to 13 Jan 70
- j. Political Affiliations: LAO DONG Party: Jun 49, Probationary Member; Mar 50, Official Member
- k. Religion: Ancestor Worship
- l. Marital Status: Divorced
- m. Relatives Working for RVN or RVNAF: Nephew, TRAN CHE (TRAANL, CHEES), Plat Ldr, Militia Plat, HIEU DUC Dist, QUANG NAM Prov; nephew, TRAN TIEU (TRAANL, TIEEUS), works with US Special Forces Unit; PHAN NHI (FAN, NHI), nephew, member of unk unit of RVN Air Force
- n. Relatives Working for VC or NVA: None
- o. Civilian Occupation: Worked in the Import, Export Plans Dept for Technical Materiel in HANOI
- p. Foreign Travel and Purpose of Travel: LAOS during infiltration
2. (C) Circumstances of Capture:
- a. Geographical Location: HIEU DUC Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN
- b. Date of Capture: 13 Jan 70
- c. Captured by: ARVN Forces
- d. Mission when Captured: To reconnoiter the advance route that was to be used to attack DANANG City
- e. Documents or Weapons in Possession: One Colt .45 cal pistol, maps, and VC propaganda leaflets
- f. Others Captured with Source: None
3. (C) Significant Civilian and Military Activities:
- Source was born in HUONG LAM Ham, HOA LUONG Vil, HIEU DUC Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN, in 1928. He attended the CHAN THANH School in DANANG City, QUANG NAM Prov, from 1934 to 1944

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In Aug 45, source joined the VIET MINH to fight against the French forces in BAN ME THUOT Dist, DARLAC Prov, RVN. In 1954, he regrouped to NVN and was assigned as battalion XO of the cadre group located in DAI TU Dist, THAI NGUYEN Prov, NVN. The cadre group was to receive artillery training, but the battle of DIEN BIEN PHU was won, and it rested in this area.

In Oct 54, the cadre group was sent to HANOI and source traveled to THANH HOA Prov to join the 108th Regt, 96th Regt, and the 210th Regt which had just arrived from RVN. The three regiments joined to form the 305th Div, and source was assigned as the commander of the 50th Bn, 108th Regt, 305th Div, located in THANH HOA Prov, NVN. All of the cadre of the 305th Div in THANH HOA Prov received political indoctrination and infantry training for approx 10 days. The cadre then returned to their units and, for two weeks, gave training to their men in these subjects.

In Sep 57, source was assigned as the commander of the 343d Bn, 350th Div, located in THANH BA Dist, PHU THO Prov, NVN. The 343d Bn consisted of soldiers in poor health, those who had just returned from a hospital or a convalescent station. Source's job was to choose the men in good health and assign them to one of the regiments of the 305th Div and to discharge the men who were in poor health.

In Nov 58, source was promoted to MAJ, and, in Feb 59, he was transferred to the THAI NGUYEN Cast Iron Factory, located in THAI NGUYEN Prov, NVN. He was assigned as Chief of one of the groups of men who were in charge of building houses for the workers, and the factory.

In Sep 59, source was transferred to the University of HANOI, located in HANOI City, where he studied medicine. He only studied anatomy and internal diseases. He found these courses too hard, and he did not like to take care of the sick patients.

In Apr 61, source requested to attend the Economics University of HANOI, located in HANOI City. He studied the Karl Marx Theory of Basic and Political Economics and studied basic economic plans to become self-sufficient. Source also studied economics for industry, commerce, agriculture, and communications for a socialistic country.

In Jun 64, source received the Economic University Certificate and was assigned as an assistant in the Import and Export Plans Dept for Technical Materiel. Every three months, source made a plan of the import and export needs of NVN, and he also made a schedule of where all the imports would be sent. All the factories in NVN sent requests for their quarterly needs, and he made a summary of these lists and sent it to a government council who purchased the needed supplies such as fuel, chemicals, metals, automobiles, and motorcycles. Source never requested weapons or ammunition to be purchased, because this was the job of another department. Sometimes he directly contacted the person in a foreign embassy in charge of economics. The export plan was done in the same manner as the import plan, and source made these plans so that there was a balance of trade. NVN traded with all the communist countries and many of the neutral countries such as THAILAND, PAKISTAN, ENGLAND, and JAPAN.

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In Jul 67, the Ministry of National Defense recalled source into the Army, and he was assigned to the cadre group, JCS, located in HANOI City. Here he received endurance training in preparation for infiltration. In mid-Oct 67, the cadre group, consisting of 30 men ranking from Sr CPT to COL, was redesignated the 20th Infil Gp, and began its infiltration from HANOI City, traveling by COM MAN CA jeep, to the BEN HAI River near the Laotian border. The 20th Infil Gp then traveled on foot through LAOS and arrived at a receiving station on the border of QUANG NAM and QUANG NGAI Provinces, RVN, in early or mid Dec 67.

In Dec 67, source saw a US and ARVN PW camp in TRA BONG Dist, QUANG NGAI Prov, RVN, which consisted of eight US and 12 ARVN PWs. Source saw a VC propaganda leaflet signed by CPT Brown, but did not know if he had written it. Source also knew of a US PW known only as "Bobby" (LNU), who was released by the VC but remained with them and was at the MR-5 HQ. In Jun 68, source saw a US PW known as Peter Johnson in TRA BONG Dist, QUANG NGAI Prov, who he thought was a US deserter, because the PW was not tied and was taken to the MR-5 HQ.

Source remained at the receiving station, for four days, where he rested and talked about the Tet 68 Offensive with COL HUYNH NGOC TOAN (HUYNHL, NGOCV TOANR) from the MR-5 HQ. He gave source orders to go to the Military Proselyting Section of MR-5 located approx two days walk from the receiving station, near the TRANH River, QUANG TIN Prov, RVN. Source was assigned as XO of the Propaganda Subsect, Military Proselyting Sect, MR-5, located in the same area. He remained here for 10 days, where he rested and read reports from the provinces of MR-5 concerning the strength and morale of Allied units.

After 10 days, he received orders assigning him to the High Command, QUANG DA Special Zone, located in DIEN BAN Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN, where he met Sr COL NHO (NHO), Chief of the High Command. On the night before Tet 68, source was given the mission of going to a meeting and acting as the leader for 20,000 (sic) armed guerrillas and civilians in DIEN BAN Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN. On the first day of the Tet 68 Offensive, the group of 20,000 men used Highway 1 as an approach route for an attack on DANANG City. When the forward element arrived at the southern end of the CAM LE River, it was met by combined US and ARVN forces, and the group dispersed because they were afraid.

Source returned to the High Command, MR-5, located in DIEN BAN Dist, QUANG NAM Prov and arrived on the second day of Tet 68, at the same time the Main Force of MR-5 arrived from QUANG TIN Prov, RVN. On the fourth day of the Tet 68 Offensive, source was assigned to the HQ of the 2d Regt, Main Force of MR-5, as an advisor to the regiment commander MAJ THANH (THANHL); at that time, the regiment moved to HOA CHAU Vil, unk dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN. The 3d Bn, 2d Regt was ordered to attack the 3d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt, on Highway 1 near HOA CHAU Vil. The remainder of the 2d Regt remained in HOA CHAU Vil to prepare to cross the CAM LE River and enter DANANG City.

On the eighth day of the Tet 68 Offensive, the 1st Regt was located on the east side of Highway 1, and the 2d Regt was on the west side of Highway 1, in preparation for an attack on DANANG. The HQ of the QUANG DA Special Zone would not allow the two regiments to attack DANANG, because

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they did not have the support of the civilian population in the area. On the ninth day of the Tet 68 Offensive, the 2d Regt moved to the GO NOI Area, DIEN BAN Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, where they were ambushed by a US armored unit (unk designation). The 2d Regt suffered approx 100 casualties. The unit then traveled to their base camp area (loc unk) in QUANG TIN Prov.

Source and five other cadre from the 1st Regt and the 2d Regt remained in GO NOI Area, DIEN BAN Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, where they lived with civilians to await further orders. At the end of Mar 68, the cadre from the QUANG DA Special Zone came and taught the six cadre the Resolution for the Tet Offensive in RVN.

In early Apr 68, source received orders assigning him to the Military Proselyting Sect of the QUANG DA Special Zone, near the GO NOI Area, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN. He was assigned as Chief of the Propaganda Subsect, and he wrote propaganda leaflets to be read by US, KOREAN, and ARVN forces. The Propaganda Subsect consisted of six people. One member translated the leaflets into English, one member translated the leaflets into KOREAN, and the other three members reproduced leaflets on a machine. If many leaflets were needed, they would be sent to the Printing Sect of the QUANG DA Special Zone. Source's unit and the Printing Sect were mobile, and they moved all over the jungle area of QUANG DA Special Zone.

In Nov 69, source was promoted to LTC (sic) and was assigned to the High Command of the QUANG DA Special Zone located in the HON TAU Mountain Area, QUANG DA Special Zone. He was to arrive at his new assignment no later than 18 Jan 70. Before leaving, source discussed the mission of the Propaganda Subsect with NGUYEN MINH DAO (NGUYEENX, MINH DAOL), a civilian, who was to take source's place as chief of the subsect.

In early Dec 69, source met with Sr COL TRUC (TRUCV), Chief of Staff of the QUANG DA Special Zone, in the DI XUYEN Mountain Area, QUANG DA Special Zone. He was given the mission of reconnoitering the route that the troops would use to attack DANANG City in the Spring 68 Campaign. He traveled to the center of HOA VANG Dist, QUANG NAM Prov and found a suitable route to attack DANANG City. Source reported this route to the High Command of the QUANG DA Special Zone. (Interrogator's Note: Source pointed out the route on a map that the VC were to use to attack DANANG City to US and ARVN Forces in the DANANG Interrogation Center.) Source heard from his cousin that his father was sick, and he went to visit him at HOA LUONG Vil, HIEU DUC Dist, QUANG NAM Prov, RVN. On 13 Jan 70, US and ARVN forces made a sweep of the area and surrounded source's house. Source told the troops he would commit suicide if they attacked him, and that if they gave him two hours in the house, he would CHIEU HOI. He was subsequently captured.

4. (C) Significant Responses to the CMIC Indicator Questionnaire for SICRS

a. Source knew of the following units in the QUANG DA Special Zone: 131st Regt, located in CANH TRING Area; 141st Regt, located in the BA NA TUA Mountain Area; 36th Regt, located in the HON TAU Mountain Area; 575th Rkt Regt (type unk), located in the CANH TRUY Area; 577th Rkt Regt (type unk), located in the B Area (DAI LOC Dist); 89th Sapper Bn (loc unk); 90th Regt (loc unk); and the 82d Bn, located in DIEN BAN Dist.

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b. The VC/NVA use recon to detect Allied forces in the area. They also can detect a distinct smell from KOREAN troops.

c. Source knows Resolution 13, the Resolution for the Spring Offensive of DANANG, and the mission of the VC/NVA in 1970.

d. Source heard that orphans of VC cadre were sent to NVN in 1966, 1967, and 1968 for schooling. When he was in NVN, he saw many children from the RVN attending school.

e. Source knew where many factories were located in NVN. Source did not know where any factories were located in the RVN.

f. Source was in a B-52 air strike in May 69, in the GO NOI Area, QUANG DA Special Zone, and there were over 30 KBA and WBA. In Jul 69, he was in a B-52 air strike in the HON TAU Mountain Area, QUANG DA Special Zone, and there were no KBA and three WBA.

g. In HANOI City, NVN, source saw one Soviet missile advisor. In Dec 68, he saw three North Korean soldiers in the QUANG DA Special Zone. These advisors were there to propagandize to the South Korean soldiers.

5. (C) Knowledgeability: Source will be exploited in the following areas of interest:

- a. Tactics
- b. OB of the QUANG DA Special Zone Committee
- c. PSYWAR activities used by the VC/NVA
- d. US FW sitings in the RVN
- e. Foreign assistance
- f. VC/NVA Sniffing Ability
- g. Resolution 13
- h. Movement of Children to NVN
- i. Effectiveness of Allied PSYOPS
- j. Factories in NVN
- k. Import/Export Plans Dept in NVN

6. (C) Interrogator's Comments:

- a. Physical Condition: Good
- b. Cooperation: Good
- c. Intelligence: Above average
- d. Comments: The ARVN Element, CMIC, considers source to be a MAJ and not a LTC.

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